

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 021047
ORIGIN SS-15

INFO OCT-02 ISO-00 SSO-00 /016 R

66011

DRAFTED BY: NEA: WBRUBECK: TH

APPROVED BY: NEA/NAVELIOTES

S/S-O: JTHYDEN

-----020201 260556Z /15

O 260521Z JAN 78

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 021047

EXDIS

FOLLOWING REPEAT SECTO 01074 SENT ACTION AMMAN TEHRAN JIDDA ABU DHABI
BELGRADE BUCHAREST BONN KUWAIT KHARTOUM LONDON MUSCAT PARIS RABAT ROM
E SANA MANAMA TUNIS USNATO INFO SECSTATE CAIRO TEL AVIV DAMASCUS
BEIRUT JERUSALEM ALGIERS MOSCOW JAN 21.

QUOTE S E C R E T SECTO 01074

EXDIS

JERUSALEM FOR ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS:

SUBJECT: STATUS AND PROSPECTS FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: SECTO 01045

1. FOLLOWING IS A REPORT ON THE SECRETARY'S THURSDAY MEET-
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 021047

INGS IN JERUSALEM FOLLOWING EGYPTIAN DEPARTURE, MEETING WITH SADAT
ON FRIDAY, TOGETHER WITH ASSESSMENT OF STATUS, PROSPECTS AND NEXT
STEPS IN NEGOTIATION PROCESS. YOU MAY DRAW ON IT AS APPROPRIATE
FOR BRIEFING HIGH LEVELS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS.

2. FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF EGYPTIAN DELEGATION WEDNESDAY EVENING,
SECRETARY MET THURSDAY WITH BEGIN AND DAYAN. THEY MADE SOME

FURTHER PROGRESS IN REFINING LANGUAGE OF DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND NARROWING DIFFERENCES ON CRUCIAL PALESTINIAN ASPECTS OF DECLARATION, AND OF COURSE NONE OF THE DRAFTING DONE IN JERUSALEM HAS FORMAL APPROVAL OF EITHER GOVERNMENT.

3. IN CAIRO ON FRIDAY, SADAT EXPLAINED HIS CUMULATIVE DISILLUSIONMENT WITH ISRAELI APPROACH TO NEGOTIATION AND WITH ISRAELI PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF PRECEDING SEVERAL DAYS. SADAT WAS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED BY ISRAELI CONTINUED INSISTENCE ON RETAINING SETTLEMENTS UNDER ISRAELI PROTECTION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY BECAUSE HE FEELS THEY PUT IN QUESTION WHETHER ISRAEL'S OFFER TO RETURN TO SINAI TO EGYPTIAN SOVEREIGNTY IS GENUINE. HE REPEATEDLY DECLARED, "THEY CANNOT TREAD ON OTHER PEOPLE'S LAND AND SOVEREIGNTY." HE MADE CLEAR HIS PURPOSE IS STILL COMPREHENSIVE PEACE AGREEMENT. HE IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR A DECLARATION WHICH WILL GET ISRAELI ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLES THAT WOULD PERMIT BROADENING OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. WE EXPLAINED PROGRESS MADE WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY WITH BEGIN AND DAYAN ON DRAFT DECLARATION. SADAT AGREES THERE SHOULD BE A RHETORICAL COOLING-OFF PERIOD, ALTHOUGH HE FEELS NEED TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT AS HE SEES IT IN SPEECH TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. HE IS READY TO GO FORWARD WITH SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING, AND WE ARE URGING ISRAEL TO CONTINUE WITH THE WORK OF THAT COMMITTEE. HE HAS REITERATED THAT DOOR IS STILL OPEN FOR PEACE.

4. OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT, WHILE RECENT HIGH LEVEL OF HARSH
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 021047

RHETORIC AND INTERRUPTION OF JERUSALEM TALKS ARE UNFORTUNATE, DAMAGE IS NOT IRREPARABLE. WE BELIEVE PROGRESS CAN BE ACHIEVED IN FURTHER NARROWING GAPS ON DECLARATION LANGUAGE AND THAT MILITARY COMMITTEE COULD BE USEFUL IN GETTING PARTIES BACK INTO CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATING ATMOSPHERE. AHERTON RETURNING TO JERUSALEM AND WILL REMAIN IN AREA TO ACT AS APPROPRIATE IN HELPING TO KEEP PEACE PROCESS GOING.

5. WE URGE THAT EVERYONE AVOID FURTHER AGGRAVATING SITUATION AND AVOID LIKEWISE PREMATURE JUDGMENT ON RESULTS OF THIS PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD BROADER NEGOTIATIONS AND TOWARD COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT.

6. FYI. THERE ARE NO REPEAT NO PLANS FOR PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL SUMMIT, CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, NOR SPECIFIC PLANS FOR A RETURN VISIT BY SECRETARY AT THIS TIME. END FYI.

7. FOR AMBASSADORS WEST AND PICKERING ONLY: YOU MAY TELL FAHD AND HUSSEIN MORE SPECIFICALLY THAT SADAT DID EXPRESS ENCOURAGEMENT AT PROGRESS MADE ON DRAFT DECLARATION IN JERUSALEM AND, WHILE HE STILL WANTED TO TALK FURTHER WITH HIS ADVISORS, HE IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH US CONCRETE WAYS FOR BUILDING ON WORK

ALREADY DONE SO AS TO REGAIN MOMENTUM. WE HAVE AGREED THAT WHAT-
EVER IS TO BE DONE NEXT, IT SHOULD BE DONE THROUGH QUIET DIPLOMACY
AT FIRST. THAT IS THE REAL REASON ATHERTON IS STAYING IN THE
AREA, BUT WE DO NOT WANT TO CALL ATTENTION TO HIS ACTIVITIES.
VANCE
UNQUOTE VANCE

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, PEACE TALKS, NEGOTIATIONS, MEETING REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE021047
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: NEA: WBRUBECK: TH
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X2
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780038-0816
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780118/aaaaapkh.tel
Line Count: 122
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 9f3509e0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 78 SECTO 1045
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3707471
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: STATUS AND PROSPECTS FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS
TAGS: PGOV, OVIP, PBOR, PDEV, IS, EG, US, XF, (VANCE, CYRUS R)
To: BRUSSELS THE HAGUE MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/9f3509e0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014